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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Arbitration Panel Decisions under the Randolph-Sheppard Act

AGENCY: Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists arbitration panel decisions under the Randolph-Sheppard Act issued in July, August, and September 2017. The full text of all decisions is available on the Department's website and by request.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

For the purpose of providing individuals who are blind with remunerative employment, enlarging their economic opportunities, and stimulating greater efforts to make themselves self-supporting, the Randolph-Sheppard Act, 20 U.S.C. 107 *et seq.* (Act), authorizes individuals who are blind to operate vending facilities on Federal property and

provides them with a priority for doing so. The vending facilities include, among other things, cafeterias, snack bars, and automatic vending machines. The Department administers the Act and designates an agency in each State--the State Licensing Agency (SLA)--to license individuals who are blind to operate vending facilities on Federal and other property in the State.

The Act requires arbitration of disputes between SLAs and vendors who are blind and between SLAs and Federal agencies before three-person panels convened by the Department whose decisions constitute final agency action. 20 U.S.C. 107d-1. The Act also makes these decisions matters of public record and requires their publication in the *Federal Register*. 20 U.S.C. 107d-2(c).

On September 5, 2017, the Department announced that it would publish quarterly lists of Randolph-Sheppard arbitration panel decisions in the *Federal Register* and that the full text of the decisions listed would be available on the Department's website or by request (see 82 FR 41941).

In the third quarter of 2017, Randolph-Sheppard arbitration panels issued the following decisions.

Case Name	Docket No.	Date	State
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Hooks v North Carolina	R-S/15-16	9/26/2017	North Carolina
Burt, Carmadelle, et al v. Louisiana	R-S/11-07, R-S/11-08 consolidated	8/18/2017	Louisiana
Cyrus v Ohio	R-S/15-12	8/8/2017	Ohio
Hawaii v Schofield Barracks	R-S/16-07	7/31/2017	Hawaii

The decisions, which are searchable by key terms and accessible under Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, are available for download in Portable Document Format (PDF) at www.ed.gov/programs/rsarsp/arbitration-decisions.html or by request to the person listed under FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

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